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Re:

G4S Regulated Security Solutions, A Division of G4S Secure Solutions (USA) Inc., f/k/a the

Wackenhut Corporation v. NLRB Case No. 15-13224 and 15-14018

Dear Ms. Nerenberg:

Pursuant to FRAP 28(j), G4S Regulated Security Solutions, A Division of G4S Secure Solutions (USA) Inc. ("G4S") hereby responds to the National Labor Relations Board's ("Board") letter, dated April 7, 2016, advising the Court of Securitas Critical Infrastructure Services, Inc. v. NLRB, 14-3216 (8th Cir. Mar. 24, 2016). As explained below, Securitas is inapposite to the issues before this Court.

The lieutenant who testified in the <u>Securitas</u> case stated that "essentially every aspect of his job was controlled by company and client rules, policies and procedures...," and that he "would either receive approval from a higher authority, or that his decisions were so routine, clerical or ministerial as to not warrant serious judgment." <u>Id.</u> at slip op. 7. Further, the court noted the employer failed to present *any* specific evidence establishing a lieutenant exercised independent judgment. <u>Id.</u> at slip op. 9-10.

That is a far cry from the instant case in which Project Manager Mareth testified extensively about the manner in which lieutenants exercised independent judgment — testimony corroborated by the very lieutenants who initiated the proceedings before the Board. (G4S Reply

Unlike here, the employer in <u>Securitas</u> abandoned any argument the lieutenants exercised independent judgment in disciplining, promoting, and assigning employees.

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Brief, at 5-8). Moreover, although the Board asserts G4S lieutenants are required to follow disciplinary policies in effectuating discipline, this argument relies on the faulty premise that whenever an employer has detailed policies in place, *nobody* can exercise discretion because a policy must govern.² This, obviously, makes no sense.

In sum, <u>Securitas</u> is not controlling in the instant case, and should not be relied upon.

Respectfully submitted,

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The <u>Securitas</u> court noted there is no "specific requirement [on an employer] to offer examples of a lieutenant's exercise of independent judgment..." <u>Id.</u> at slip op. 8. This finding contradicts the Board's argument in its Opposition Brief to this Court that an employer must cite specific examples to satisfy its evidentiary burden of establishing supervisory status: "[Project Manager] Mareth's testimony lacks the specific evidence or examples necessary to show that lieutenants possess actual disciplinary authority over security officers." (Opposition, at 21).

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| INC., F/K/A THE WACKENHUT |) |
| CORPORATION, |) |
| |) |
| Petitioner/Cross-Respondent, |) Case No. 15-13224 |
| |) |
| VS. |) |
| |) |
| NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD, |) |
| |) |
| Respondent/Cross-Petitioner. |) |

PETITIONER/CROSS-RESPONDENT'S AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PERSONS AND CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The undersigned counsel of record for Petitioner/Cross-Respondent G4S Regulated Security Solutions, A Division of G4S Security Solutions (USA) INC., F/K/A The Wackenhut Corporation, certifies that the following listed parties have an interest in the outcome of this case:

- 1. Cherof, Edward M. (Attorney for Petitioner)
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- 3. Frazier, Thomas (Charging Party)

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Pursuant to Eleventh Circuit Rules 26.1-1, 26.1-2, 26.1-3, and 28-1(b), and Fed. R. App. P. 26.1, G4S identifies the following subsidiaries, conglomerates, affiliates and parent corporations:

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corporation.

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Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of October, 2015.

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I hereby certify that on October 2, 2015, I caused to be served a true and copy of the within and foregoing PETITIONER/CROSScorrect **RESPONDENT'S AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF** INTERESTED PERSONS AND CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT via the Court's electronic case filing system which will automatically serve the following counsel of record:

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